

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method for treating conditions of the skin, hair, nails and/or overweight conditions of a human in need thereof, comprising orally administering to said human a combination product comprising:

a first composition (a) containing a green tea extract, vitamin C, zinc and optionally ~~at least one metallic compound selected from zinc, chromium and a mixture thereof,~~ and

a second composition (b) containing at least ~~one metallic compound selected from iron [[,] and copper, chromium and a mixture thereof,~~

said compositions (a) and (b) being separately and consecutively orally administered to said human, wherein zinc and iron are not simultaneously present in the same composition.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein composition (a) contains at least one green tea extract, vitamin C, a zinc salt and a chromium salt, and composition (b) contains at least one iron salt and one copper salt.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of green tea extract of between 100 and 3000 mg.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of vitamin C of between 50 and 1000 mg.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of zinc of between [[0]] 1 and 50 mg [[and/or]] and a daily dose of chromium of between 0 and 300  $\mu$ g.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of iron of between [[0]] 1 and 100 mg, [[and/or]] and a daily dose of copper of between [[0]] 0.5 and 20 mg.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein composition (a) is administered in the first part of the day and composition (b) is administered in the second part of the day.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of green tea extract of between 200 and 2000 mg.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of vitamin C of between 100 and 500 mg.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of zinc of between 5 and 20 mg, [[and/or]] and a daily dose of chromium of between 20 and 100  $\mu$ g.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein it involves the administration of a daily dose of iron of between 5 and 50 mg, [[and/or]] and a daily dose of copper of between 1 and 10 mg.

21. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the green tea extract is present at a

concentration of between 2 and 50% by weight with respect to the total weight of composition (a).

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the vitamin C is present at a concentration of between 0.5 and 50% by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a).

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the zinc is present at a concentration of between [[0]] 0.2 and 3% by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a) ~~or composition (b) and/or and~~ the chromium is present at a concentration of between 0 and 1% by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (a) ~~or composition (b)~~.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the iron is present at a concentration of between [[0]] 0.2 and 10% by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (b) ~~and/or and~~ the copper is present at a concentration of between [[0]] 0.02 and 1% by weight, with respect to the total weight of composition (b).

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein compositions(a) and (b) are in the form of

capsules, gel caps, tablets, pellets, powders or drinkable solutions.

26. (Cancelled)